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STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

FORECAST OF WHEAT HARVEST FOR 1930-31 BASED ON REPORTS &c.
TO OCTOBER 13TH.

The Government Statist remarks that at a Conference of Statisticians held in 1928 it was suggested that each Statistician should issue on September 15th an estimate of the wheat acreage under crop followed by progressive reports as to the yield on October 15th, November 15th, December 15th and January 15th.

Early in September last, he issued a Bulletin of the Area under Crop for Wheat, Barley and Oats and stated that at the close of August month the crops generally were reported "Good to very good".

The favorable outlook as at the end of August substantially vanished with unfavorable September conditions which were only checked by good rains early in October.

The seasonal conditions have been, and are, so abnormal that confidence in the issue of a forecast even now is not strong, for everything depends on future weather conditions.

The forecast of 32,800,000 Bushels is based upon numerous reports received from every Division of the State and is issued in conformity with the resolution referred to.

Divisions of State	SEASON 1930-31.			Average for 10 Seasons ended 1929-30.		
	Estimated Ares for GRAIN	Forecast as per Re- ports to 13th Oct.		Total Yield bushs.	Av. per Ac.	Total Yield bushels
		acs.	bushs.			
Central	530,000	6,350,000	12.0	6,815,663	13.82	
Lower North	810,000	8,500,000	10.5	10,869,596	14.78	
Upper North	315,000	3,100,000	3.5	2,282,329	9.94	
South Eastern	65,000	2,625,000	25.0	623,198	17.03	
Western	1,250,000	5,625,000	4.5	4,208,726	6.82	
Murray Mallee	1,130,000	9,600,000	8.5	4,347,468	7.16	
TOTAL STATE	4,100,000	32,800,000	8.0	29,146,980	10.72	
Total 1929-30	3,645,764	23,345,093	6.4	-	-	

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21st October, 1930.

GOVERNMENT STATIST &c.

WHEAT HARVEST, 1930-31.

Memorandum re Harvest Prospects about the 10th November, for
information of Hon. the Chief Secretary.

On the 15th October a Bulletin was issued forecasting the 1930-31 Wheat Crop at 32,800,000 bushels. Following the usual practice all early October reports were returned for review subject to conditions on or about 10th November. These reports have been received and the particulars analysed. Generally the October and early November weather conditions were very favorable. Strong winds and the appearance of Red Rust in some of the heaviest wheat producing Counties have been reported, but it was not thought that the effect of the Red Rust would be serious.

The reports indicate an improved outlook, specially in the Central, Lower North and Western Divisions.

In bushels the improvement appears to be five millions better than the early forecast of 32,800,000 bushels but in view of the presence of rust and the peculiarities of the season, I am not at this stage amending the first forecast.

The usual arrangements are now in progress to obtain direct information from a number of farmers in each District in addition to general Reports by Police Officers to 31st November. On receipt of these and after examination, a forecast will be issued about December 15th, either confirming or amending the early Bulletin.

I may mention that the Department is expected by Conference Resolution to collect information and issue Progress Reports for each season about the 15th October, November, December, and if necessary January.

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20th November, 1930.

GOVERNMENT STATISTICS.

To Chief Secretary 20.11.30
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